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From Monday November 20th. to Wednesday November 22d. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Beg your Solution to the following Questions, viz. First, in what manner and how far the Humours and Temperaments of the Body, act upon the Soul, and change its motions? Secondly, how, and also how far the Motions of the Mind, Influence and alter the Body? Your inserting them in your next, by Reason I sent you them before, will infinitely Oblige,*

Your Admirer, John N——il.

A. Galen, observing the strict Union of the Soul with the Body, and how the Use of immoderately hot or cold Medicines wou'd occasion Madness in Young People, and Forgetfulness, Doatage, and Raving in the Old, was from thence induced to confess freely, that he did not know, what the Soul is, and afterwards to be of Opinion that it was nothing else but the Temperature of the Body, which must therefore Perish with the Body. So deeply was this Notion impressed in him, that he Writ a large Book to demonstrate the dependance of the Affections and Dispositions of the Soul upon the Temperature of the Body. Indeed, repeated Experience Obliges us to grant, that the Influence of the Qualities of those Elements that compose the Body, is sometimes so prevalent as wholly to suppress all the Faculties of the Soul. There is a great variety of Noxious Fumes proceeding from Bodies, which clouding and overpowering the Brain, either damps or extrudes those finer Spirits by the Mediation of which the Soul operates. And even those Spirits themselves, which are the Instruments of the Soul's Operations, having their Original from the Body, must consequently be affected most with those Qualities of the Body that are Predominant, and be Subject to all the Changes that the Qualities are: So that according as these are the Operations of the Mind will be expedited or obstructed. The Relation that the Soul has to the Body has been by Philosophers in some Respects very fitly represented by that of Harmony to a Musical Instrument. For as the Excellence of Harmony depends upon a just Proportion of the Qualities, and fit Disposition of the Parts of the Organ; so does that of the Understanding, upon a happy Temperament of Body. If the Body is distorted or corrupted, it becomes an improper Instrument for the Soul to act upon. Notwithstanding the Influence of the Mind is not so great, but that that of the Mind on the contrary upon the Body is in general much greater. It often exercises over it a Despotic sway, and Arbitrarily disposes it either to Health or Sickness. Even *Galen*, himself more than once testifies, that the Affections of the Mind are endued with an admirable Power to drive away all Pains and Sickness from the Body, and that he often prescribed no other Physick to his Patients, than to restrain their disorderly or violent Passions by the force of Reason. No Man is by the natural Constitution of his Body so strongly disposed to any Vice, either of Lust or Anger, but that he might be able to Conquer that Propension by the Power of rational Principles. And in general, we may say, that in all Moral Actions the Soul is possessed of an Absolute-Authority over the Body, if it pleases to exercise it; as on the contrary in Physical Actions the Body often governs. It is one of the hardest Questions in Philosophy, of which we may say, with *Simonides*, when he had been studying about the Nature of God, *The longer we consider it, the more difficult we find it.*

Q. APOLLO, *Pray, favor me with the Demonstration and Reason, of the following Solution, which will decide a Controversy between another Person and*

Your Humble Servant, L. T.

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A. If the Solution was performed only by this short Operation, we must own it to be admirably Compendious beyond any Thing we have seen of this Nature. But without a more ample Specimen of it, we must own our Incapacity to discover the Mystery that is in it. Any one Versed in the Solution of Arithmetical or Algebraical Questions will acknowledge it may be very difficult to find out the Reason of a final Equation, when the Process by which it was obtained is concealed, notwithstanding that the Solution of the Question it self, which that Equation determines may be otherwise very easy. In short, till the Querist gratifies us with some Explication of this Matter, or informs us how or where he met with this Solution, we do not know whether the two first Numbers were not Arbritrarily assumed, and whether any other two or more Numbers, might not have been as proper, if, when added together, they cou'd produce the Summ, *L.* 7, 475, the finding out of which was perhaps owing at first to some other more regular and plain Operation. For there is no greater Mystery in the Question it self than what is discoverable by the Golden Rule and many other ways.

Q. Learned Gentlemen, *I have sent a great many Letters to you, and never could have an Answer to any of them, therefore I would desire you to do me the favor to insert the Names of a Dozen, of the best* Comedies, *which Accomplish a Young Man to go a Courting. And in so doing you'll infinitely Oblige,*

Your Subscriber, Phi. Liege.

A. We know not what Questions you mean, which you have sent, and we not Answer'd; nor remember any came sign'd as the Present. It seems you think a Dozen Plays an exact Dose; one less will not furnish you with a sufficient stock, and one more will over-charge you. But we must tell you, that *Reading* of Plays will not do your Business; you must *Act* your Part, as well as Speak your Part; know how to give a soft Accent to your Languishments, to sigh with an Emphasis, and upon a Smile, to out-act the *French-Prophets*, in your Extacy; in short, you must know how to Play the *Fool* and *Madman* to the height of Nature, therefore we recommend to you, the *Sight* of Plays, for your further Instructions, or when you have got your Part by Heart, you may Murther it in the Acting of it.

Q. APOLLO, *I am Young Gentleman, that has been abroad to Travel, and when about Seven Months ago, I arrived to* England, *when abroad, I found a great many Gentry, both Men and Women, take delight to serve the Poor in the way of Physick, I having where-withal to Live very handsome, I have a great Inclination to follow the same Practice, to do good as I saw abroad done in Charity, therefore I Pray, that you will let me know know in your next, what Books are fit for my Studying, to make me Compleat, not as I ever design to make any use of it, to get my Living by it, and you will Oblige,*

Your Friend and Subscriber, P. J.

A. We highly commend your Generous, and Charitable Design; and if you'll let us have a Letter in the same Hand with your last, how we may direct to you, we will Advise you where to have what will be sufficient for use, and save much in the Price of the Books. They having fallen into the Hands of one, who is an Absolute Stranger to the Art, Since they will be Sold at under Rates, for their Author's Credit's sake, we thought not fit to insert their Titles.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am an Apprentice to a Merchant, who is no Freeman, and have served almost Six Years of my Time, my Master is a Gentleman of a good Estate, and Troubles himself but little about Trade, and Understands less*, &c.

A. If the Author lets us understand by another Letter, how to direct to him, we may give him some Satisfaction. It was needless to insert more of his Letter, it being of no use to the Publick.

POEMS.

Q. APOLLO, *we find,*
That time out of Mind,
The French *have often given to* Lying;
A Course of False Tales,
There, only prevails,
The Truth *as a Monster defying.*

Nor only to Men,
But even to Heav'n,
Their Falshoods they often have Nam'd;
When Victory *they,*
For Losing the Day,
They have with Thanksgiving *Proclam'd.*

But what is more Lewd,
And more Villainy shew'd,
They have with long Premeditation,
Forg'd previous Lies,
To black Perjuries,
Their Leagues, *Building on such Foundation.*

They never Transact,
Or Form a Compact,
But a Lye *is it's* Parent *at first;*
'Tis Midwif'd *likewise,*
To the World with round Lies,
And by Lies *it is afterwards* Nurs'd.

Thus, ev'ry League,
Seem'd but an Intreague,
Which ever they sign'd to this Hour;

Being

Be'ng ſure to revoke it,
And Wickedly broke it,
As ſoon as it was in their Pow'r.

And thus they of late
(Drove on by their Fate)
Pretended to Treat on a Peace ;
When 'twas to amuſe,
Divide, and abuſe,
Which baulk'd of, the Treaty *did ceaſe.*

Tho' all along they,
Have proſper'd this way
And all their acquirements obtain'd ;
Tho' the Bully *of* France,
First led 'em this Dance,
And by Lies *and* Deluſions *has Reign'd.*

Tho' Honor *they fly,*
And true Bravery,
No Faith *in their* Courage *pretend ;*
But only beguile,
By Trick and by Wile,
By Treachery gaining their end.

Since their Falſhood is found,
The World all around,
And all their Impoſtures detected ;
The Fraudulent Vice,
Laid ope in a trice,
As ſoon as the Scheme is Projected.

Since none now will more,
Believe as before,
But when She *new matters rehearſes,*
Or Judgment declares,
Or Solemnly Swears,
All conſtrue exact the Reverſes.

The Caſe being ſo
(As all People know)
Wou'd not ſhe more Politic be ;
With Labor to ſeek,
Truth ſometimes to ſpeak,
And more with her Int'reſt agree.

Decieving *we own,*
Her beſt Card is known,
For hiding her Wretched declining ;
And does ('thout a Joke)
Appear her beſt Cloak,
And that for theſe Reaſons adjoining.

Such a Name She *has got*
(Tho' with ſhame it may rot)
For Falſhoods ſhe conſtantly plies ;
Shou'd Truths paſs her Mouth,
They'd ſeem ſo uncouth,
By all they'd be taken for Lies.

So now, ſhou'd ſhe ſay,
Anjou *run away,*
With his Army all Curſedly maul'd ;
That 'twas all in vain,
To hope more for Spain,
And that ſoon he'd to France *be recall'd.*

The World then wou'd fear,
His Spaniards *adhere,*
And wonderful Courage have ſhown ;
That Charles *back again,*
Is returning from Spain,
And Philip, *ſecure on the Trone.*

And this might perſuade,
Declining our aid,
Concluding it wou'd come to late ;
For we ſhou'd believe,
That France *did* Decieve,
As if ordain'd to it by Fate.

A. This never wou'd do,
(As imagin'd by you)
For *France* ſuch an *Habit*, from *Rome* ;
Has gotten of *Lying*,
Forging and Denying,
That 'tis *Second Nature* become.

If Truth ſhe ſhou'd Speak,
'Twou'd look like a Freak,
Or Whimſical, groundleſs Invention ;
And only be found,
Inariculate ſound,
Without any Thought or Intention.

SIR,

THE Letters from Bruſſels, Nov. 25. Adviſe, That the Day before the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene ſet out from hence for Antwerp, the Cardinal de Bouillon ſitting in the Coach with them ; That his Eminency goes to Bergen op Zoom for ſome Days, and then will return to Antwerp. That the Letters from St. Sebaſtians, of the 11th Inſtant, adviſe, that the French, by ſtopping all Poſts and Correſpondence, continue to hide from them all they can ; but yet they had News, that the Portugueze had taken Benavente, and that General Staremberg will be able to maintain his Ground againſt the Attempts of the Enemy. From the Hague, Nov. 25. They Write that the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene being expected there on Thurſday Night at fartheſt, the Secretary of Great-Britain, who is deſign'd for the Reſidence of Geneva, is gone with a Coach to Roterdam, to meet them there ; That the mean while, the Treaſurer-General Hop, is preparing to give them a Magnificent Entertainment, ſoon after their Arrival. That the Arrival of the two abovemention'd Generals is impatiently expected, for the concerting of divers weighty

weighty Affairs; That the most important, and that which at present, requires the greatest Application, is the Succouring of King Charles the III; That after all the Generous Efforts of the Queen of Great-Britain, it is not in the least doubted, but those Succours will very speedily set out.

London, November the 22d.

The Hon. Robert Craven, Esq; Brother to the Right Honourable the Lord Craven, and one of the Representatives of the City of Coventry, Died last Week of the Small-Pox.

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